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S/S-O PASS NEA/ARN AND AID ASST ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER ONLY

FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AID OFFICE STAFFING

1. I GREATLY APPRECIATE HAVING HAD CHANCE TO MEET KEN LEVICK
AND OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS REGARDING POSITION OF
FUTURE AID REPRESENTATIVE IN DAMASCUS WITH HIM.

2. BEFORE DECISION ON ASSIGNMENT OF AID REPRESENTATIVE IS
MADE, HOWEVER, I WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT
FURTHER WITH NOOTER AND TO REVIEW FILES OF OTHER POSSIBLE
CANDIDATES FOR POSITION. IF PRESENT LEAVE PLANS HOLD I
WILL BE IN US FOR MUCH OF JUNE AND WOULD PLAN FEW DAYS IN
WASHINGTON TOWARD MID-MONTH.O

3. PROFILE OF AID REP DAMASCUS, IN MY VIEW, SHOULD BE PERSON
OF OUTGOING, ACCESSIBLE PERSONALITY WHO CAN DEVELOP AND
MAINTAIN RAPPORT WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS IN CLIMATE OF SUSPICION
AND SOME HOSTILITY TOWARD US. SENSE OF HUMOR AND ADAPTABILITY
ARE ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES IN THIS SOCIETY WHERE PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIPS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PERSON SHOULD
BE IMAGINATIVE, FLEXIBLE, AND QUICK-MOVING WITH ABILITY
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TO REACT QUICKLY O REQUIREMENTS OF SITUATION WHICHHWILL

OFTEN BE GOVERNED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUIRE CLOSEST POSSIBLE COORDINATION WITH ME AND OTHER SECTIONS OF MISSION. HE MUST BE ABLE AND WILLING TO PITCH IN ON WORKING LEVZL IN MANAGING PROGRAM WHICH WILL EXPERIENCE PERIODS OF INTENSE WORKLOAD. FINALLY, I PREDICT WE WILL HAVE TO DO A LOT OF HIGH-LEVEL PURSUIT OF OUR SYRIAN CONTACTS TO GET THE NECESSARY DATA FOR OUR PROGRAMS, GIVEN THE ILL-COORDINATED AND SLUGGISH NATURE OF THIS BUREAUCRACY.

4. POSITION WOULD SEEM BEST FILLED BY FSR-2 OR JUNIOR R-1 LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, TONY SCHWARTZWALDER, WHOM I UNDERSTAND WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, OF COURSE, THAT REP MUST BE PERSON OF HIGH PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN FIELD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WITH WHOM SYRIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE ANXIOUS TO DO BUSINESS BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL OPENNESS AND WHAT HE CAN OFFER THEM, AND WHO WILL RISE TO CHALLENGE OF SETTING UP NEW OFFICE AND HOUSEHOLD AND LIVING IN SITUATION OF POLITICAL TENSION AND SCARCITY OF AMENITIES.
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